

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1-27 (Cancelled.)

28. (Currently Amended.) The A method for ameliorating the symptoms of diabetes in a subject having the diabetes comprising administering to said subject a therapeutically effective amount of a protein comprising human galectin-3 of SEQ ID NO:4, wherein said protein is a protective diabetes-mediating protein that ameliorates symptoms of diabetes in said subject.

29. (Previously Presented). The method according to claim 28, wherein said subject is a human.

Claims 30-31 (Cancelled).

32. (Previously Presented). The method according to claim 28, wherein said diabetes is insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus.

Claims 34-39 (Cancelled).

Remarks

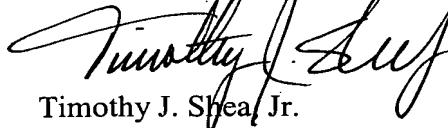
The amendment corrects a formal matter without changing the scope of the claims, and no new matter has been added.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this Amendment be entered.

Reconsideration of this application and entry of the above Amendment is
respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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